

I claim:

1. A modular graphic tool constructed from selected members of a group of modular components, said group comprising:
substrates chosen from the group consisting of polyester and aluminum; and
ablatable coatings chosen from the group consisting of carbon black, UV absorbing dye, amino resin, nitrocellulose resin and cross-linking catalysts,
wherein said tool may function as either a film or a plate; and
wherein said tool comprises a substrate and at least one ablatable coating.
2. The modular graphic tool of claim 1, wherein said tool functions as a plate.
3. The modular graphic tool of claim 2, wherein said plate is a wet offset plate.
4. The modular graphic tool of claim 2, wherein said plate is a waterless offset plate.
5. The modular graphic tool of claim 1, wherein said tool functions as a film.
6. The modular graphic tool of claim 1, wherein said tool functions as a plate and a film.
7. The modular graphic tool of claim 1, wherein said substrate and said at least one coating comprise a commonality of ingredients, so as to achieve economy of scale.